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SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY PROVISIONS OF MINERAL LEASING ACT  
OF 1920

1. SECTION 1 OF THE MINERAL LEASING ACT OF 1920  
(41 STAT, 437, 30 USC 181) PROVIDES THAT DEPOSITS OF COAL,  
PHOSPHATE, SODIUM, POTASSIUM, OIL, OIL SHALE OR GAS, AND  
LANDS CONTAINING SUCH DEPOSITS OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES,  
SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE ACT TO,  
"CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OR TO ASSOCIATIONS OF SUCH  
CITIZENS, OR TO ANY CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS  
OF THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY STATE OR TERRITORY THEREOF..."  
THIS SECTION FURTHER PROVIDES THAT "CITIZENS OF ANOTHER  
COUNTRY, THE LAWS, CUSTOMS OR REGULATIONS OF WHICH DENY  
SIMILAR OR LIKE PRIVILEGES TO CITIZENS OR CORPORATIONS OF  
THIS COUNTRY, SHALL NOT BY STOCK OWNERSHIP, STOCK HOLDING  
OR STOCK CONTROL, OWN ANY INTEREST IN ANY LEASE ACQUIRED  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER".

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ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES AND DEPENDENCIES ARE CURRENTLY  
CONSIDERED TO EXTEND RECIPROCITY UNDER THE MINERAL  
LEASING ACT OF 1920. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
PERIODICALLY REQUESTS A REVIEW OF STATUS OF RECIPROCITY

UNDER THIS LEGISLATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT RECIPROCITY IS STILL EXTENDED IN HOST COUNTRIES OR DEPENDENCIES. DOES THE COUNTRY HAVE ANY MINERAL LEASING LAWS, CUSTOMS, OR REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD BAR U.S. CITIZENS OR CORPORATIONS FROM OWNING ANY INTEREST (STOCK OWNERSHIP, STOCK HOLDINGS, STOCK CONTROL, OR OTHER MEANS) IN ANY LEASE OF DEPOSITS OF MINERALS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COAL, PHOSPHATE, SODIUM, POTASSIUM, OIL, OIL SHALE, OR GAS, AND LANDS CONTAINING SUCH DEPOSITS? IF THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. OWNERSHIP OF MINERALS, DOES THE COUNTRY HAVE ANY PROVISIONS FOR RECIPROCAL RELAXATION OF THESE RECTRIC-TIONS, OR ARE CONCESSIONS GRANTED OR CASE BY CASE BASIS?

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